

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES  
DIVISION OF ASSURANCE AND LICENSURE  
OFFICE OF MEDICAL FACILITIES  
SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENT  
#SP-014-ALS-OMF**

**HOSPICE INPATIENT FACILITIES  
CLARIFICATION OF REQUIREMENTS REGARDING APPROVAL OF  
ARCHITECTURAL PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS  
IN 9 A.A.C. 10, ARTICLE 1**

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The purpose of this substantive policy statement is to clarify that a hospice inpatient facility is required to comply with physical plant codes and standards referenced in R9-1-412, and, therefore, is required to comply with all requirements established in 9 A.A.C. 10, Article 1 related to the approval of architectural plans and specifications.

Specifically:

1. A hospice inpatient facility is a health care institution subclass identified in R9-10-102 and licensed under Title 9, Chapter 10, Article 1 and Article 8.
  2. Pursuant to R9-10-816(A), a hospice inpatient facility is required to comply with Life Safety Code requirements established in R9-1-412(A)(8).
  3. A hospice inpatient facility is not a "hospice" as defined in R9-10-101(27) and is not exempt from compliance with requirements established in 9 A.A.C. 10, Article 1 related to the approval of architectural plans and specifications.
  4. A hospice inpatient facility is required to meet all applicable licensing and approval requirements in 9 A.A.C. 10, Article 1 and Article 8, including those for the approval of architectural plans and specifications established in R9-10-104, R9-10-105(A)(1)(b), R9-10-105(A)(2)(5), and R9-10-109(B).
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